GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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STABILITY IN DIESEL PRICES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether post-APM, the Governmentis concerned with retaining some control over the stability in diesel prices, which account for almost 50% of petro products consumed;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to use the Public Sector Oil Companies in influencing stability in prices;

(c) whether the Government expects the retail prices of petro products companies to converge; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism, the normal fluctuations in the international oil markets would be reflected in the domestic prices of diesel. However, Government is constantly reviewing the international oil prices, particularly the volatility and its likely impact on the domestic market. As and when Government intervention is considered necessary, appropriate measures will be taken.